

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: FRED OTASH

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/5/59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] } b2
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]A. NAME AND ALIASES

FRED OTASH, aka Fred O'Tash

B. SYMBOL NUMBERb2
b7D > [REDACTED]C. ADDRESSES AT WHICH CONTACTED

Informant is generally contacted at his residence business address, 1342 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood, California or at a meeting place prearranged by telephone contact where the informant can be discreetly interviewed.

D. RESIDENCE ADDRESS

Informant currently resides at 1342 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood, California, Telephone Numbers HO 7-1888 and OL 6-4477.

E. DESCRIPTION

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	January 6, 1922 at Methuen, Massachusetts
Height	6'
Weight	200
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Heavy
Scars and marks	Appendectomy scar and scar on right fist- second knuckle

② Bureau (AIR MAIL)
1- Los Angeles [REDACTED]

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F. DATE DESIGNATED INFORMANT

October 26, 1959

G. EXTENT OF RELIABILITY

Informant has furnished reliable information in the past and the information has been verified through investigation and other sources wherever it was possible to do so.

H. EMPLOYMENT

Informant is self-employed as a private investigator.

I. PAST ACTIVITIES

Informant served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the period March 4, 1942 to October 5, 1945 and was discharged under honorable conditions. Informant thereafter served as a policeman of the Los Angeles Police Department for a period of approximately ten years and was primarily assigned to vice details. Informant's resignation from the Los Angeles Police Department reportedly came as a clash of personalities and temperament between he and Chief WILLIAM H. PARKER and it was further indicated that while in this employment, he held outside employment which the department considered as unauthorized and at times had conducted himself in ways which displeased his superiors. Informant then started his own private detective agency and has been operating in this capacity for about the past 5 years. Informant gained considerable nation wide publicity as a result of investigations his agency conducted for "Confidential Magazine" in recent years.

J. CRIMINAL RECORD

The following is the informant's identification record as furnished by the Bureau on September 30, 1959 under FBI Number 85 570 C.

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<u>Contribution of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Marine	FRED OTASH #--	3-2-42		
[REDACTED]				
CSC Los Angeles Calif	FRED OTASH #--	appl 3-25-46		
[REDACTED]				
PD Beverly Hills Calif	FRED OTASH #49468	8-7-59	offering false evid & prepar- ing false evid	filing of compl. post- poned as sub indicted by G J for other felony chgs. Sub later indict- ed race horse duping
SO Los Angeles Calif	FRED OTASH #B-645456	9-3-59	corrupt sport- ing practices & criminal consp	9-3-59 rel. on bail

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K. CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES

Due to informant's employment, both past and present, his unlimited number of acquaintances, associates, and contacts include many members of the underworld and other individuals engaged in illegal activities both in the Los Angeles area and on the West Coast as well as many people in the motion picture and television industry.

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L. SPECIFIC DETAILS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE PAST

Informant, on August 31, 1955, made available a list of names, telephone numbers, and in some instances addresses of prostitutes that he knew to be hustling in the Los Angeles area and indicated there was a possibility that several of these girls may be working for [REDACTED] a known pimp, and involved in his activities both at Los Angeles and at Las Vegas, Nevada.

On September 26, 1955 informant advised [REDACTED] had taken three prostitutes [REDACTED] (LNU), and a third unidentified girl to Las Vegas, Nevada to hustle and on September 30, 1955 informant advised he received information to indicate [REDACTED] had also transported three prostitutes to Mexico.

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[REDACTED] informant on December 15, 1955 advised that through contact with a prostitute named [REDACTED] concerning another matter, he had ascertained that she had recently sold a trick book to [REDACTED] for \$250, which he subsequently attempted to use in connection with his operation of prostitutes in the Hollywood area.
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[REDACTED] informant on January 28, 1958 advised he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] a known acquaintance of [REDACTED] and further described [REDACTED] as a hoodlum from Chicago, Illinois and presently residing [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Informant stated that [REDACTED] has been in this area for at least the past 4 or 5 months and to the best of his knowledge does not have any legitimate employment. On February 12, 1958 informant advised he had received information indicating that [REDACTED] had departed from the Los Angeles area and was presently in New York.

[REDACTED]

Informant on January 28, 1958 advised that he had been recently retained by the Coast Vending Machine Company to conduct investigation of information received indicating that the Rowe Vending Machine Company was attempting to take over Coast's territory and customers. A short time thereafter he was approached by MICKEY COHEN who made the statement "I understand you are working for Coast- on the other side of the fence." This was the extent of the conversation; however, that same evening COHEN appeared at informant's residence indicating he wanted to further discuss the matter and thereafter attempted to proposition him to work with them and thereby realize more of a financial gain rather than continue his efforts for Coast. Informant advised he flatly refused COHEN's offer as his investigation had clearly disclosed the over-all picture of COHEN and Rowe trying to completely take over and "cut out" Coast.

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This information is contained in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 7, 1958 captioned "MEYER HARRIS COHEN (true name); MICHAEL 'MICKEY' COHEN, aka; Anti-Racketeering" at Los Angeles.

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Informant on July 26, 1958 advised that while at the Garden of Allah, Hollywood, California the previous evening, he had observed MICKEY COHEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and several other unidentified males and females assembled in one of the private banquet rooms. He later heard comment to the effect that the unidentified males were "out of town" hoodlums. Informant stated that while he was unable to determine the purpose of this meeting felt it was of possible significance because of the fact several weeks before he had been in the company of COHEN and following a brief conversation with [REDACTED] COHEN made inquiry as to his connection with [REDACTED] and thereafter followed up with the comment "there are two factions in this town and he is on the other side of the fence."

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This information is contained in report of SA [REDACTED] dated August 20, 1958 captioned "MEYER HARRIS COHEN (true name); MICHAEL 'MICKEY' COHEN, aka; ANTI-RACKETEERING" at Los Angeles.

Informant on September 14, 1959 advised he had received information to indicate MICKEY COHEN had recently returned from Miami, Florida and while in that city had obtained \$80,000 from an unknown source. COHEN in conversation advised informant that he had purchased Rondelli's Restaurant, 13359 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California and informant has since learned that Rondelli's was to be the new Valley headquarters for the syndicate.

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On September 16, 1959 informant advised he had attended a party given by COHEN the previous evening to celebrate his taking over 50% ownership of Rondelli's Restaurant located on Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California. COHEN indicated that [REDACTED] to be the one fronting for him. Informant also made known the identities of individuals that were in attendance at this party, which included a good number of those who fall into the hoodlum and underworld group.

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Informant on October 7, 1959 advised that during the past couple of weeks [REDACTED] was in town and had been having private conferences with COHEN, and [REDACTED] had made available to him two telephone numbers where he could be contacted, namely, [REDACTED]

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Informant on October 15, 1959 furnished the following information:

He stated he had been at the residence of [REDACTED] on October 8, 1959 and also present at that time were MICKEY COHEN and [REDACTED]. Informant further commented that just as he was entering, COHEN and [REDACTED] were discussing [REDACTED] status relative to [REDACTED] and he overheard one of them make the statement that they have the necessary political connection with Governor BROWN's Office and they should be in a position to fight her extradition.

Information as furnished by informant during September and October, 1959 is to be included in the next investigative report of the above captioned case.

Information as furnished by informant concerning COHEN has proved to be of great investigative assistance in maintaining an up-to-date account of his activities and associates, as this information not being available through any other source.

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[REDACTED] Informant was able to develop information to indicate that [REDACTED] had contacted [REDACTED] and at the time of their meeting gave him a gun and made the comment "be careful with it because the insurance has already been paid on it." He further ascertained that [REDACTED] had made \$4,000 gambling in a local card game. Informant was also able to obtain [REDACTED] residence and telephone number.

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This information was contained in Los Angeles letter to Phoenix dated 6/20/59 captioned "UNSUB; Theft of Jewelry Valued at \$43,463.50 from Motel, Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona, 2/22/59 - ITSP, OO: Phoenix."

[REDACTED]

Informant on August 20, 1959 advised that he had met [REDACTED] at Schwab's Drugstore on the Sunset Strip and [REDACTED] thereafter came to his office and told informant that if he knew of anyone who had "hot" money or \$100 bills they would like to dispose of he had many contacts in South America and could handle the deal [REDACTED] failed to furnish informant his residence address; however, informant had ascertained he could be contacted through telephone number [REDACTED]

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Informant on September 14, 1959 advised that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] and the fact they all had worked as prostitutes in the Los Angeles area. Informant contacted [REDACTED] and she denied any involvement or knowledge of [REDACTED] Through additional contact with a prostitute named [REDACTED] informant advised he had learned that [REDACTED] was presently located at Las Vegas, Nevada and was hustling in that city. [REDACTED] had indicated to informant that while [REDACTED] formerly worked for [REDACTED] this working agreement no longer existed.

[REDACTED]

On September 14, 1959 informant advised that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] who was currently using the alias [REDACTED] further relating that he had known her prior to the time she had "turned out" and started

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working as a prostitute. He stated that she was presently living with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Informant on September 24, 1959 advised that he had been recently introduced to two prostitutes named [REDACTED]. In addition, he has since learned these two girls were residing at [REDACTED] and maintained a private telephone number [REDACTED] and answering service number [REDACTED]. He further stated that in conversation with [REDACTED] on September 24, 1959 she indicated she was departing for the airport to pick up her roommate [REDACTED] who reportedly was returning from New York City.

Informant on September 24, 1959 advised he had recently met [REDACTED] who indicated he had some information relative to the [REDACTED] robbery which he considered to be of extreme benefit to [REDACTED] himself. [REDACTED] indicated the whole deal had actually been a "setup" and he was to have been included in the original plans of receiving a cut of the insurance company along with [REDACTED] and a third unidentified person, but he had received nothing and consequently was willing to take this information to the [REDACTED] even though he later had been tried and convicted.

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In addition, informant has furnished the following information all of which is considered to be of general investigative intelligence nature.

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Informant on August 20, 1959 identified the apartment house at [REDACTED] as being a known house of prostitution and identified four of the girls known to be working at this house in addition to the so called operator of this house. He further advised that a similar type of house of prostitution is in operation at [REDACTED] which is a private residence, and the method of operation is to have about 20 girls come to a party with the male portion being telephoned to also come to a party and after the party wears on the men select a girl and retire to separate quarters.

Informant on September 14, 1959 advised that the following locations, namely, Raya's Cocktail Lounge, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard; the Rounders, 7580 Sunset Boulevard; and the Regency, 801 North La Cienega Boulevard, were presently known hangouts for the pimps and prostitutes in the Los Angeles area.

On October 7, 1959 informant made available a list of 8 prostitutes known to be working the Hollywood area and indicated that all of these girls presently maintained services of the telephone answering exchange [REDACTED] in some instances informant was able to make available the known private numbers for these girls.

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The information as furnished by the informant has been of great investigative assistance to the Los Angeles Division particularly with regard to WSTA violations and top hoodlum and anti-racketeering matters.

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M. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMANT OUTSIDE THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

The informant has advised that due to his employment, he does not desire to leave the Los Angeles area.

N. STABILITY

Informant has not displayed any indication of emotional instability, unreliability, nor has he furnished any false information.

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11/12, 1959

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

March 18, 1960

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INFORMANTS NAME AND ALIASES

FRED OTASH, aka Fred O'Tash

CURRENT ACTIVITY OR EMPLOYMENT WHICH ENABLES THE INFORMANT
TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Informant operates his own private detective agency. Informant's business and social contacts include numerous members of the underworld and other individuals engaged in illegal activities both in the Los Angeles area and on the west coast as well as many people in the motion picture and Television industry. 8-1
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DATES OF CONTACT

November 9, 23, 1959
December 2, 22, 30, 1959
January 5, 19, 27, 28, 1960
February 1, 17, 1960
March 17, 1960

OUTCOME OF CASES NOT COMPLETED WHEN PREVIOUS SEMI-ANNUAL
MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED

None. Informant was designated as CI within the past six months period.

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SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OR ASSISTANCE RENDERED
SINCE LAST SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT AND AN ESTIMATE OF ITS VALUE

In connection with case captioned "MYER HARRIS COHEN, aka Mickey Cohen - AR," informant advised COHEN was in attendance at a Christmas party given by [REDACTED] and COHEN expressed great concern over his present standing with the Internal Revenue Department and feared the consequences of their findings. Informant subsequently advised COHEN was concerned over [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COHEN was concerned as to whether she had mentioned the fact that he had given her \$30,000 to hold for him which he had secured from [REDACTED] and FRANKIE CARBO.

In connection with case captioned "JOHN FREDERICK WHALEN, aka Jack O'Hara - AR," informant furnished information concerning O'HARA's murder. Informant advised that following the shooting, which had occurred at Rondelli's [REDACTED] had "hold up" with [REDACTED]

67C [REDACTED] He further developed information to indicate that [REDACTED] prior to the time he had surrendered himself to local authorities, had numerous telephone conversations with both MICKEY COHEN and his attorney for the purpose of getting their stories straight so there would be no discrepancies at the time of interrogation. Informant made known the identity of the individual with whom [REDACTED] had stayed, and of the fact this individual, in addition to COHEN, expressed great concern over his knowledge of this murder and any involvement on their part.

[REDACTED] informant made known the fact that [REDACTED] had been one of the participants in the robbery of the ILWU Federal Credit Union, Wilmington, California, on January 21, 1960. In addition, he furnished information concerning [REDACTED] activities of possible assistance in his location and apprehension.

Informant further advised that [REDACTED] was also responsible for a residence burglary, which had occurred in the Pasadena or San Marino area sometime in late 1958.

Informant also made known a description of the loot taken through contact with the San Marino Police Department. This burglary, with a reported loss of \$7585, which had occurred on December 5, 1958, was confirmed.

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[REDACTED] informant made known the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] and on the basis of information furnished the U. S. Marshal's Office, Los Angeles, was able to serve her with a subpoena for appearance before the Federal Grand Jury.

In connection with local prostitution activities, informant continues to make available current data relative to new prostitutes known to be hustling in the Hollywood area in addition to any residence and telephone changes made by known prostitutes.

It is believed that information as furnished by the informant, which was not available from any other source, has afforded the Los Angeles Office excellent coverage relative to over-all criminal matters.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this individual continue to be listed as an informant of the Los Angeles Office.

STABILITY

There is no indication on the part of informant of emotional instability, unreliability, or the furnishing of false information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 20, 1960

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INFORMANT'S NAME

FRED OTASH, aka

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CURRENT ACTIVITY OR EMPLOYMENT WHICH
ENABLES INFORMANT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Informant operates his own private detective agency. His business and social contacts include numerous members of the criminal element located in the Los Angeles area as well as in several other west coast cities and in addition his contacts include many individuals in the motion picture and television industry.

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DATES OF CONTACT

March 22 and 31, 1960
April 13 and 25, 1960
May 19, 1960
June 6 and 15, 1960
July 19, 1960
August 10 and 20, 1960

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[REDACTED] informant had previously furnished information to tie in [REDACTED] and in addition identified him as having committed a residence burglary at Arcadia,

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California. It is to be noted that [REDACTED] on the bank robbery charge was sentenced to serve 20 years.

SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED SINCE LAST SEMI-
ANNUAL REPORT AND AN ESTIMATE OF ITS VALUE

[REDACTED] informant, on March 31, 1960, advised that while he did not know subject he was able to furnish the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] and related that she had admitted being at Las Vegas, Nevada in January, 1960, and further that two of her prostitution dates included [REDACTED] and movie and television actor PHIL SILVERS.

[REDACTED] informant, on March 31, 1960, advised that through contact with [REDACTED] he had learned that she and [REDACTED] were presently working together as prostitutes in Hollywood and were planning trips in the near future to New York City; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Palm Springs, California, where they would continue their prostitution activities.

67C In connection with case captioned "MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka - AR", informant, on April 13, 1960, advised that he had met COHEN at his Sunset Strip night spot the previous evening and COHEN expressed great concern over the fact that Internal Revenue was presently conducting an extensive investigation concerning him and he had recently received word that they were attempting to "turn [REDACTED] convicted murderer against him and possibly have [REDACTED] testify concerning COHEN's financial status. COHEN reportedly also made mention that he had received an invitation to travel to Israel where he could reportedly become a "big man" and he further indicated he had given this serious consideration but felt that any attempt to obtain a passport for travel outside the country may expedite the return of an indictment by Internal Revenue.

Informant, on April 25, 1960, advised that he had made an appearance before the Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles concerning the Internal Revenue case against MICKEY COHEN the same date.

[REDACTED] informant, on May 19, 1960, advised that he

was not personally acquainted with [REDACTED] however, identified [REDACTED] as being a close acquaintance of [REDACTED] and made known [REDACTED] current whereabouts for interview purposes.

[REDACTED] informant, on June 6, 1960, advised he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] and was aware of the fact all of these individuals were involved in prostitution activities. He made known [REDACTED] present whereabouts and stated that [REDACTED] prostitution activities were probably confined to the Los Angeles area while [REDACTED] well known prostitutes operated on a wider scale and their activities involved considerable travel.

b7c [REDACTED] informant, on July 19, 1960, advised [REDACTED] had reportedly travelled to Los Angeles, California, and after contacting several people had been put in touch with the informant at which time he offered him the "scam" of having gold for sale, with this loot presently being located some place in Europe. [REDACTED] reportedly made known full details concerning the arrangements of this entire deal. This information was furnished to U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles and to the Dallas Division for information purposes.

[REDACTED] informant, on August 10, 1960, advised that following the arrest of [REDACTED] on charges of contributing they had subsequently arrested [REDACTED] on similar charges in view of the fact that the "book" in question was actually [REDACTED] trick book which she had only loaned out to another prostitute during the period she was to be away from the Los Angeles area. Informant further related that [REDACTED] immediately came to [REDACTED] aid and either posted her bond or made the necessary arrangements for bail to get her out on the street.

In addition informant has furnished the following information of a general investigative intelligence nature:

Informant, on March 31, 1960, advised he had declined an offer to conduct investigation for "Confidential" Magazine

b7C { involving Senator JOHN KENNEDY, actor PETER LAWFORD and [REDACTED] who were reportedly involved in some sort of indiscreet parties. In connection with Senator KENNEDY's [REDACTED] informant stated this individual commented on KENNEDY's association with [REDACTED] making statements to the effect that KENNEDY was vulnerable to bad publicity only because of his association with [REDACTED]. Informant further learned these indiscreet parties involving KENNEDY, [REDACTED] and LAWFORD had reportedly occurred at Palm Springs, California; Las Vegas, Nevada and New York City.

Informant, on March 31, 1960, made known information concerning the identities of 10 known prostitutes and either addresses or telephone numbers from which they were operating in the Hollywood, California area.

Informant, on June 6, 1960, furnished the identity of 14 prostitutes, along with their known residence telephone numbers or telephone answering service numbers, all of whom were known to be operating at the present time in the Hollywood area.

It is believed that information as furnished by the informant, which was not available from any other source, has afforded the Los Angeles Office exclusive coverage relative to overall criminal matters.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this individual continue to be listed as an informant of the Los Angeles Office.

STABILITY

There is no indication on the part of informant of emotional instability, unreliability or the furnishing of false information.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
March 24, 1961

INFORMANT'S NAME

FRED OTASH, aka

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[REDACTED] } b7D

CURRENT ACTIVITY OR EMPLOYMENT
WHICH ENABLES THE INFORMANT
TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Informant operates his own private detective agency. His business and social contacts include numerous members of the criminal element, as well as many individuals in the motion picture and television industry, and his activities are wide spread in that he is well known not only in Los Angeles but in many of the other West Coast cities.

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DATES OF CONTACT

October 19, 1960; November 8, 1960; December 1, 1960;
January 6, 1961; February 14 and 23, 1961; March 14 and 15, 1961.

OUTCOME OF CASES NOT COMPLETED
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SUBMITTED

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FURNISHED AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED
SINCE LAST SEMI-ANNUAL LETTER, AND
AN ESTIMATE OF ITS VALUE

[REDACTED] informant on October 19, 1961, was unable to identify [REDACTED] proceeded to make discreet inquiries of a personal contact at [REDACTED] and from this inquiry had ascertained [REDACTED] reportedly an acquaintance of [REDACTED] no longer had a financial interest in this club. Informant further ascertained [REDACTED] had departed from the Los Angeles area on or about October 8, 1960, and could be contacted at [REDACTED]

67C [REDACTED] informant, on December 1, 1960, advised that while he had not been able to ascertain the residence address for [REDACTED] discreet inquiry indicated she continued to "hustle" in the Los Angeles area and utilize the Hollywood Exchange Answering Service [REDACTED] under the name of [REDACTED]

Informant, on January 6, 1961, furnished the identity of seven prostitutes, along with their known residence telephone numbers or telephone answering service numbers, all of whom were known to be operating at the present time in the Hollywood area.

[REDACTED] informant, on February 14, 1961, advised that he had received information to the effect that [REDACTED] was now fronting in [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] money was invested in this restaurant. [REDACTED] mentioned to informant that he desired to keep all of the prostitutes out of the restaurant, as he felt this would bring undue "heat" [REDACTED]

In connection with case captioned "MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka - AR," informant, on February 14, 1961, identified [REDACTED] as a pimp, and regarding the altercation between COHEN and [REDACTED] informant advised he did not know the cause, but some time ago when [REDACTED] was going to Japan, he had made an attempt to get COHEN to accompany him, and it was informant's opinion that [REDACTED] had invested a lot of money with COHEN, which might be one of the reasons for the altercation.

Informant, on February 14, 1961, made known information concerning the identities of fourteen known prostitutes, and either addresses or telephone numbers from which they were operating in the Hollywood or West Los Angeles area.

[REDACTED] informant, on February 23, 1961, identified [REDACTED] doing business as [REDACTED] as the individual that had reportedly been hired by [REDACTED]. Informant stated that in all probability it was [REDACTED] that was mistaken for [REDACTED] as he bears a vague resemblance [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informant, on March 14, 1961, advised that he has not been contacted by [REDACTED] since her arrest by the FBI, nor has any of her associates contacted him in an attempt to borrow money or solicit his aid. Informant advised that about a year ago [REDACTED] lived with a friend of the informant, namely [REDACTED] and thereafter she and [REDACTED] had made an attempt to blackmail [REDACTED] until informant interceded. Informant made known the fact that [REDACTED] was reportedly "laying up" with [REDACTED] and would figure this individual to be a logical source for funds and to do blackmailing or threatening on the basis of his past associates and activities.

Informant, on March 15, 1961, advised that he had recently been contacted by [REDACTED] who is presently located in Los Angeles, but does not practice in this local. [REDACTED] requested that informant attempt to get his close

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friend [redacted] to defend [redacted] whom [redacted] described as [redacted] and the subject of a White Slave Traffic Act case. He further requested that informant make contact with one of the local bonding agencies in order that all the arrangements could be handled prior to [redacted] appearance in court. Informant indicated that he had contacted [redacted] who apparently was agreeable to representing [redacted] and further he had contacted [redacted] and all arrangements for bond have been handled. Informant indicated he could see no reason why [redacted] should have any further contact with him, however, should he learn anything additional, he would make same available.

It is believed that information as furnished by the informant which was not available from any other source, has afforded the Los Angeles Office exclusive coverage relative to over all criminal matters.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this individual continue to be listed as an informant of the Los Angeles Office.

STABILITY

There is no indication on the part of the informant of emotional instability, unreliability, or the furnishing of false information.

FRED OTASH

DETECTIVE BUREAU

CIVIL, CRIMINAL & MARITAL INVESTIGATIONS

1342 NORTH LAUREL AVENUE
SUITE 105
HOLLYWOOD 46, CALIFORNIA

24 HOUR TELEPHONES
OLDFIELD 6-4477
HOLLYWOOD 7-1888

April 10, 1961.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J. Edgar Hoover

Gentlemen:

We are in the process of compiling a directory of private investigators, adjusters and patrol services which will cover the United States and all foreign countries. We would like to include in this volume a complete list of all F.B.I. Field Offices in the United States and their affiliated offices abroad.

Please let us know if this information can be made available to us. We will be glad to pay any necessary charges for compiling this information, printing, handling and mailing.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Fred Otash

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April 17, 1961

Mr. Fred Otash
Suite 105
1342 North Laurel Avenue
Hollywood 46, California

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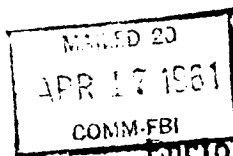
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 10, 1961, has been received. I would like to point out that this Bureau does not maintain any field offices abroad. I am enclosing one of our Identification Orders which carries on the reverse side a list of our present field offices. There, of course, is no charge for the information furnished.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosure

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Otash is a former Vice Squad Officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. He worked as a detective for a "Confidential Magazine" lawyer and was an informant for the Los Angeles Office as late as September, 1960. On 2-10-61, he was sentenced by Superior Court Judge LeRoy Dawson to six months in the Los Angeles County Jail for fixing a horse race. The sentence has a condition of five years' probation during which time Otash is barred by Court Order from race tracks and all forms of gambling. It is noted that a list of field offices is readily available to him and could be utilized in his directory without permission. It is possible that such a directory could be of benefit to the Bureau through wider dissemination of the location of our field offices.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: August 15, 1961

FROM : [REDACTED] -b7c

SUBJECT: TV PROGRAM "PM - EAST"
RE: WIRETAPPING

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Captioned television program was telecast in the Washington area by WTTG TV, Channel 5 between 11:00 PM and 12:00 midnight on August 14, 1961, at which time Bernard Bates Spindel, Fred Otash, Gerard L. Goettel, Bill Keating and Mike Wallace, the Master of Ceremonies, discussed wire-tapping and Spindel demonstrated how to "tap" a wire.

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Bernard Bates Spindel's wiretap activities are well known to the Bureau. Fred Otash is a Private Detective with offices in Hollywood, California who, like Spindel, is known to the Bureau. Gerard Louis Goettel was formerly with Milton R. Wessel of the Attorney General's special group on Organized Crime. Bill Keating is apparently identical to William J. Keating, a former counsel for the New York City Anti-Crime Committee.

Otash demonstrated a "shotgun microphone" making exaggerated claims as to the effectiveness of this device. The Bureau has a microphone identical in appearance to the unit demonstrated and is knowledgeable of the capabilities of this device. Otash has previously appeared on Wallace's program.

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Spindel was rodomontade as usual. He described how telephone "taps" can be made and demonstrated an "invisible tap" which technique employed metallic paint to make the so-called invisible connection to the telephone line. This technique has been explored by the Laboratory and discarded many years ago because it did not prove practical. Spindel indicated that this approach was no longer used by people in making wiretaps. He demonstrated the recording of a "tap" and played the same back during the performance using a home type tape recorder. He stated that a "tap" or "bug" (microphone) can be placed anywhere if given enough time and money, including the White House. He also indicated that he had been able to find all technical information

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn: Mr. [REDACTED])
1 - Mr. Evans (Attn: Mr. [REDACTED])
1 - Mr. Rosen (Attn: Mr. [REDACTED])

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
RE: TV PROGRAM "PM - EAST"
RE: WIRETAPPING

required for the installation of a "tap" from "proper contacts in the telephone company" as there are certain types of persons in the organization who will furnish the information for money. Spindel described the converting of a telephone instrument into an active microphone for picking up room conversations. This technique is known to the Bureau.

Goettel indicated that he felt that wiretapping should be legalized providing appropriate judicial processes were afforded such a practice. This then opened the discussion on the moral issues of wiretapping. In discussing this facet of the program Spindel stated that he knew that the FBI had tapped wires because during the Hoffa trial a friend was called for certain information and within two hours after the call had been placed FBI Agents questioned the called party about the information which was obtainable only from a wiretap. He further stated that the FBI says it does not make use of their wiretap information. He said the FBI assigns two Agents to cover the wiretap who then put the information on a sheet of paper so that the Agent handling the case does not know the source of the information.

Keating stated that a former U. S. Attorney advised him that he could not in good conscience prosecute a violator of the wiretap law when the law enforcement officer who investigates the case is violating the law 200 times a day. The FBI was quoted as having 200 wiretaps now.

Keating further stated that bookmaking, narcotics peddlers and houses of vice are responsible for corrupting the police departments and that the police departments would like to "tap" more lines so that they can increase their "take." The program ended with an unanswered question "How long do you think it will take the Bell Laboratories with all their technical know-how to develop a device which will tell a subscriber when his line is 'tapped'?"

ACTION:

For information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
September 2, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

INFORMANT'S NAME

FRED OTASH, aka

BUREAU FILE NUMBER FOR INFORMANT

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CURRENT ACTIVITY OR EMPLOYMENT WHICH
ENABLES THE INFORMANT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Informant operates his own private detective agency. His business and social contacts include numerous members of the criminal element as well as many individuals in the motion picture and television industry.

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DATES OF CONTACT

March 29 and 30, 1961
April 5 and 19, 1961
May 1 and 25, 1961
June 2, 9, 22 and 30, 1961
July 13, 1961
August 16, 1961

OUTCOME OF CASES NOT COMPLETED WHEN
PREVIOUS SEMI-ANNUAL LETTER SUBMITTED

In case captioned "MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka - AR" informant furnished considerable information concerning the activities of subject. COHEN appeared in U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, and in June, 1961, was convicted on income tax charges and sentenced to custody of the Attorney General for a period of 15 years.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

Informant on March 29, 1961, furnished the identities of 10 prostitutes who were known to be operating in the Hollywood and West Los Angeles area at that particular time.

[REDACTED] informant advised on March 30, 1961, that he had been retained by [REDACTED] for the purpose of locating [REDACTED] and this contact had been made through an associate of [REDACTED] namely [REDACTED]

67C { On April 5, 1961, informant advised that he had received information the evening of March 30, 1961, indicating that [REDACTED] was presently working and residing at [REDACTED] and this information was confirmed by his inquiry. [REDACTED] was thereafter located and returned to Los Angeles where he was reunited with his father and the two of them departed for Europe via SAS airlines on March 30, 1961. Informant advised that following their departure, information concerning [REDACTED] activities, of recent months, was brought to his attention and he immediately contacted [REDACTED] on this matter. He accused [REDACTED] of withholding information that [REDACTED] was being sought on several local warrants outstanding in California as well as some of the other southwestern states after which [REDACTED] agreed to informant's proposal that all financial debts be cared for and in addition, a representative of informant's was returning the foreign made car to Berkeley, California, for return to its owner.

Informant on April 5, 1961, furnished the following information in connection with case captioned "JOHN ROSELLI, aka - AR":

67C { Informant had been retained to investigate the activities and background of [REDACTED] who was married to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Informant's findings indicated that [REDACTED] was nothing more than a high class prostitute and in fact had intimate relations with [REDACTED] and several other celebrities. Upon finding this out, informant contacted [REDACTED] and made known the fact that it was possible that he and the other individuals would be subpoenaed on behalf of his client. Several days thereafter, he received a telephone call from an attorney who indicated that he was speaking on behalf of JOHN ROSELLI and informant agreed to a meeting with ROSELLI at the Brown Derby on March 21, 1961.

b7c This meeting went off as scheduled and ROSELLI made known the fact that he was primarily speaking in behalf of [REDACTED] and several of his other associates that might have possibly been involved with [REDACTED] ROSELLI offered him \$15,000 if he would take the necessary steps to avoid any big scandal or derogatory publicity. Informant refused this offer and indicated he has had no subsequent contact with ROSELLI. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Informant on May 25, 1961, identified [REDACTED] as having been known to operate as a pimp, primarily operating in the Tulare County area and apparently with the approval or consent of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In connection with case captioned "JOSEPH STACHER, aka - AR," informant on June 2, 1961, advised that while he was not personally acquainted with the subject he did possess the knowledge that STACHER reportedly resided at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and further that he had a definite "tie in" with the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. In addition, informant identified [REDACTED] as a logical person to be interviewed in connection with this case. On June 30, 1961, informant advised that [REDACTED] had returned to the Los Angeles area and could be contacted at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On June 9, 1961, informant was a witness in the current MICKEY COHEN tax trial for the benefit of the Government. He testified as to the \$500 received from GEORGE SEEDMAN, president of the Rowe Service of Los Angeles, via COHEN as a bribe to listen to recordings made for the benefit of informant's client, the Coast Cigarette Vendors. The Assistant United States Attorney handling this case described informant as an excellent witness.

b7C { On June 9, 1961, informant advised that [REDACTED] prostitute, had just returned to Los Angeles and had telephone number [REDACTED]

b7C { Informant on June 22, 1960, furnished the following information [REDACTED]

b7C { [REDACTED] had contacted him requesting that he handle some work for him. He thereafter contacted [REDACTED] at his place of employment and [REDACTED] admitted that he has an elderly lady acting as his "angel" in connection with some real estate dealings that he has in Arizona. This "angel", according to [REDACTED] wanted too much interest and [REDACTED] requested that informant investigate the following individuals who were to bankroll the Arizona venture:

[REDACTED]

Informant on June 22, 1961, furnished the identities and telephone numbers for nine prostitutes who were reportedly operating on the Sunset Strip.

Informant on August 16, 1961, advised that he had recently traveled to New York City for the purpose of appearing on the television show "PM East - PM West" and while in that city, he was contacted by BERNARD B. SPINDEL, whom he described as "HOFFA's number 1 wire tapper." SPINDEL made known the fact that HOFFA was bent to "bury the KENNEDYS" and in doing so they were attempting to use every means possible which included the setting up of listening devices on the KENNEDYS wherever possible.

SPINDEL's approach was to determine whether informant would be interested in handling work for HOFFA on the West Coast, such as developing information concerning the identity of any prostitutes known to have any previous association whatsoever with either the Attorney General or the President and SPINDEL was of the belief this information could possibly be developed through [REDACTED] or PETER LAWFORD.

b7C { In addition, informant at SPINDEL's request introduced him to [REDACTED]. Following the introduction, informant learned that [REDACTED] was desirous of obtaining all available material relative to a "watered down" story concerning President KENNEDY that had appeared in one of the recent confidential publications. This material allegedly included tape recordings, photographs and negatives. [REDACTED] contacted informant and at his request refused to turn over this material to SPINDEL. SPINDEL openly indicated that they were compiling all possible information for this so-called "hate campaign" and contemplated inclusion of this material in the Union magazine. Informant advised that while he had not made any definite commitments with SPINDEL, he felt certain that he could "steer" someone into SPINDEL for the purpose of gaining valuable information leading to the successful prosecution of both he and HOFFA.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this individual continue to be listed as an informant of the Los Angeles Office.

STABILITY

There is no indication on the part of the informant of emotional instability, unreliability or the furnishing of false information.

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles

FROM: Director, FBI
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Effective immediately, under no circumstances may captioned CI be paid any money without first securing Bureau authority.

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NOTE: CI distributed 13,000 copies of brochure relating to his 1962 International Directory and Almanac for Private Investigators. Brochure gives implied endorsement by Director. Bureau 11/9/61, instructed LA to "straighten CI out" and to have him cease above advertising. Due to above, CI should not be paid any money without prior Bureau authority.

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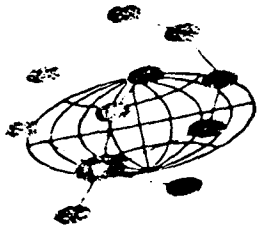
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An early reply will be appreciated.

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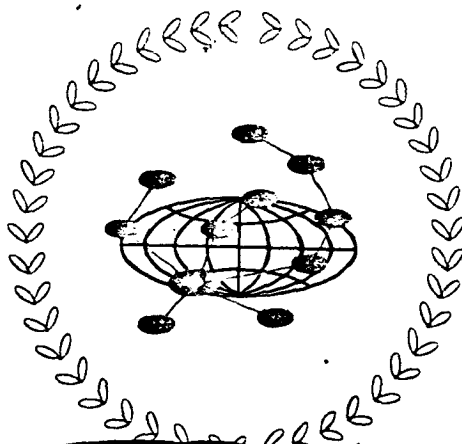
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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SAC, Cincinnati

November 17, 1961

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Director, FBI

RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 11-27-61

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from [redacted] which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed is a copy of the one page of the brochure which [redacted] forwarded with his letter. A copy of [redacted] letter is also being furnished to the Los Angeles Division for their information.

For your information, the brochure which [redacted] makes reference to was published by Fred Otash, a private detective in Los Angeles. Otash is a symbol informant of the Los Angeles Division and was formerly a member of the Los Angeles Police Department Vice Squad. Otash wrote to the Bureau in April, 1961, at which time he requested information as to the location of Bureau offices abroad and in this country and indicated that this information was to be incorporated in his almanac. I acknowledged Otash's letter and advised him that the Bureau does not maintain field offices abroad and enclosed a copy of an identification order, the back of which carried a list of present field divisions.

You should have an Agent of your office personally contact [redacted] and acknowledge his letter to me. He should be informed that I appreciate the interest which prompted him to write and, with the exception of the fact that Otash is an informant of this Bureau [redacted] should be told of the above information. Furthermore, he should be advised that I have instructed the Los Angeles Office to protest with Otash the manner in which he has implied the purported cooperation and assistance of the FBI in the preparation of his almanac.

With regard to [redacted] inquiry about the use of the name "United Nations Publications," he should be informed that its use is not a violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction; however, he may wish to contact the U. S. State Department regarding this matter.

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Enclosures (2) Furnish results of the above to the Bureau by 11-27-61

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure (for information)

1 - Mr. Evans - Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)

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SAC, Cincinnati

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b7D > NOTE: Otash is Criminal Informant # [REDACTED] The Los Angeles
b7C - Division is presently contacting him with regard to the manner in which
he has implied endorsement by the FBI in his brochure. Bufiles contain
no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

Follow-up made for ~~11-27-61~~.

Killed - See Cincy letter 11/24/61

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November 13, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a brochure being put out by a private investigator here in Los Angeles, named Fred Otash. He identifies himself as being the publisher of United Nations Publications, Inc., 1342 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood 46, California. He states that it is a directory of professional investigative and credit firms. Otash is soliciting advertising for his publication.

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The general reputation of Fred Otash, along with his having been indicted and convicted of trying to fix a horse race, would seem to me factors which would have been considered before allowing the FBI to be used in "pushing" his personal business.

With best wishes for your continued success in operating one of the most respected agencies of our Federal Government, I am,

Respectfully yours,

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cc: Special Agent in Charge 22 NOV 21 1961
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1340 West 6th Street
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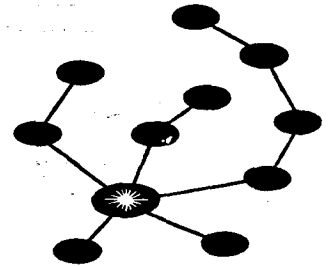
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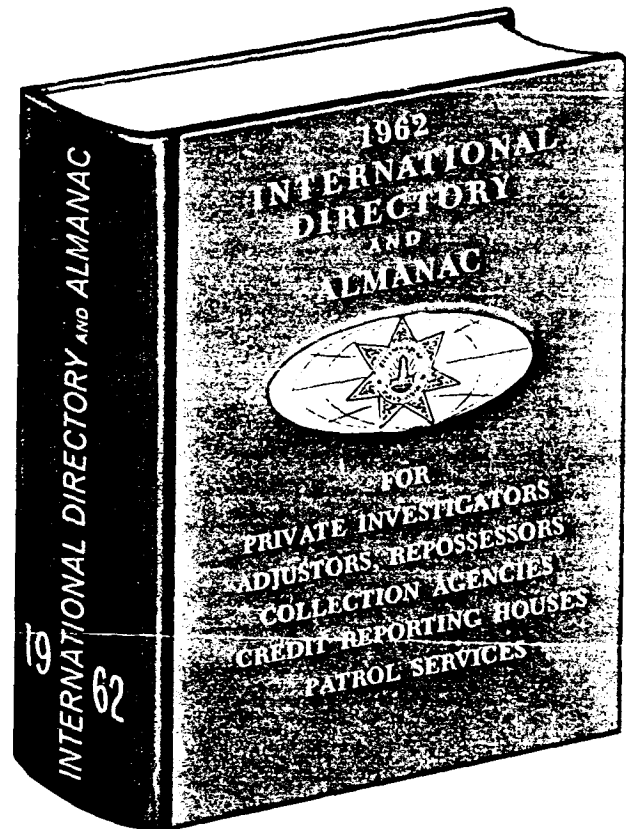


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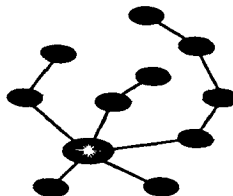
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- ☐ Page ad (\$200) ☐ 1/2 page ad (\$125) ☐ 1/4 page ad (\$75)

NOTE: All advertisers will also receive a free copy of the directory and bold face listing. Your \$15.00 check will be credited toward any purchase of advertising.

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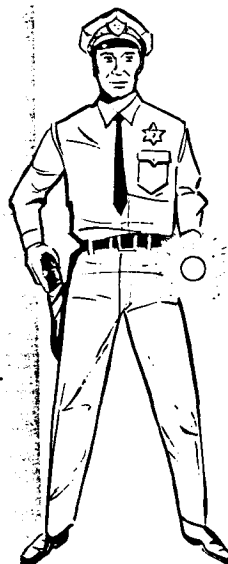
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HOLLYDALE

Guard and Patrol Service

1234 WEST MAIN ST./JULIAN, ARIZONA



11-17-61

REC-65 airtel

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 11-27-61

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter from [REDACTED]
dated 11-13-61.

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received one of the brochures circulated by Fred Otash, an informant of your office. The Bureau has received letters from several individuals regarding these brochures and in each instance, the person inquiring about them is being advised of the correspondence that Otash had with the Bureau and that I have instructed your office to protest with Otash the manner in which he has implied cooperation afforded to him by the FBI in the preparation of his almanac.

You should immediately have an Agent of your office personally contact [REDACTED] at which time his correspondence to me should be acknowledged. He should be informed that the Bureau is aware of the information set forth in his letter and that we appreciate his so advising us. He should further be informed that your office is contacting Otash to protest the manner in which he has exploited his contact with this Bureau, noting that I furnished Otash, at his request, a list of Bureau field divisions in April, 1961.

Furnish the results of the above contact with [REDACTED]

by 11-27-61.

Tolson
Belmont
Mohr
Callahan
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Sullivan
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Tele. Room
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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Evans - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure

Follow-up made for 11-27-61.

NOTE: Otash is a Los Angeles symbol informant, # [REDACTED]. He has been an informant of the Los Angeles Division since 1959. Los Angeles by airtel dated 11-9-61 was instructed to contact Otash to vigorously protest the manner in which he has (continued)

NOTE: (contd)

implied cooperation of the FBI in the preparation of his almanac.

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Date: 11/6/61

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]
RE: [REDACTED]

Enlosed herewith is Announcement brochure relating to the 1962 International Directory and Almanac for Private Investigators, etc. soon to be published by informant under the name United Nations Publications, Inc.

67C - Informant made available copies of this brochure to SA [REDACTED] alternate contact agent, on 11/3/61 and it was made known that approximately 13,000 copies have been mailed out to prospective clients.

This brochure is being forwarded to the Bureau since the brochure gives acknowledgement for cooperation of the FBI, among other agencies. The Los Angeles Office was aware of the fact informant had done considerable research in connection with this almanac but at no time did he mention he was preparing a brochure nor did he ever mention that any specific reference would be made, relative to cooperation afforded by the FBI. He explained this acknowledgement was solely the result of correspondence he had directed to the Bureau dated 4/10/61 requesting a complete list of FBI field offices and return Bureau correspondence dated 4/17/61 which enclosed an Identification Order.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 31)
1 - Los Angeles

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67C Jones to DeLoach, [REDACTED]
Quintel to SIC, [REDACTED]
Oct 11/61 [REDACTED]

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EX-103

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Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM LOS ANGELES: (1)

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RE: [REDACTED]

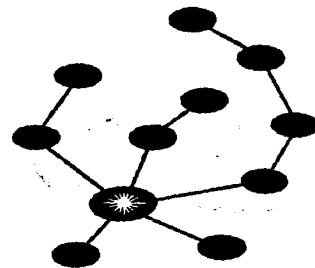
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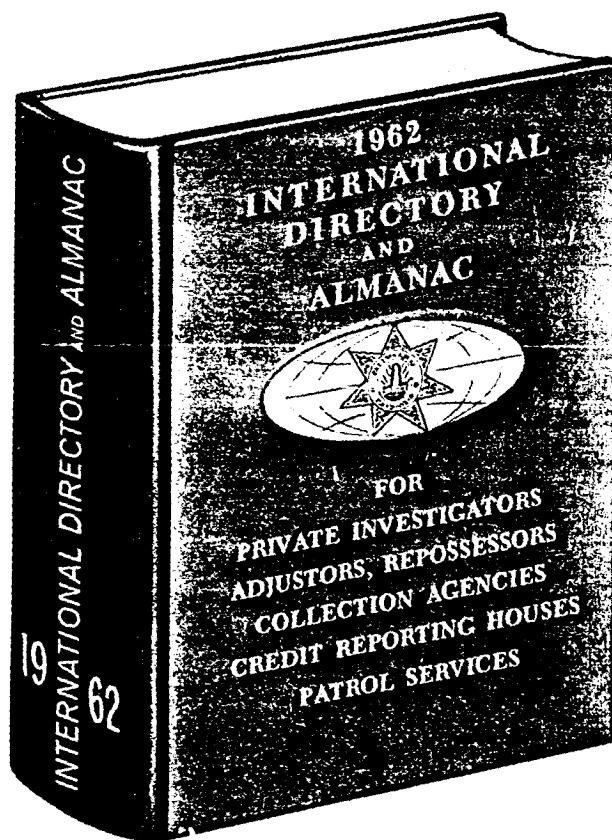


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A MESSAGE FROM FRED OTASH

the publisher

Oldfield 8-8210 • Oldfield 8-8211



UNITED NATIONS

1342 NORTH LAUREL AVE. • HOLLYWOOD 48, CALIFORNIA



FRED OTASH

For many years, as a result of my experiences as a private investigator, I have felt the need for a directory of professional investigators and credit firms.

This need was confirmed by discussions with fellow professionals, attorneys, and business executives who used these services.

My objectives in publishing this directory are twofold:

1. To give added prestige to all professional investigators and credit firms by publishing our own directory complete in every respect, with listings from every state in the Union plus 81 foreign countries.
2. To put this directory in the hands of every law firm, bank, insurance company and industrial firm that uses the services of professional investigating and credit firms. Plus, of course, all members of our own profession.

The INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY & ALMANAC represents more than three years of research. It will be the finest and largest directory of its type in the world.

The purpose of this mailing piece is to give you a free listing, to offer you a copy of the directory at a reduced rate and to help you advertise your services.

I want you to consider this directory your directory. Your comments and suggestions will be welcome.

Cordially,

Fred Otash
Fred Otash

P.S. We want to acknowledge the fine cooperation we have received from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. State Dept., the attorney generals of the 50 states, the ambassadors and attorney generals of the 81 countries listed in the book, the U.S. Govt. foreign information bureau, and many contributing individuals without whose help this book could not have been published.

Here's how the
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The leading legal book distributing firm in the United States has contracted to contact 125,000 lawyers as potential users and buyers of the directory.

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Many of these firms have already reserved copies.

Help you in your work.

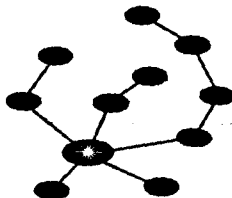
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 CITY NATIONAL BANK
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 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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 AMERICAN FEDERATION
 OF LABOR
 TEAMSTERS UNION
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To be sure we have you listed correctly, and that you are still active in your field, you must fill out the form below and mail within ten days in enclosed self addressed envelope.

Put my **FREE** listing (one only) under the following classification

- ☐ Private Investigator
☐ Collection Agency
☐ Adjustor
☐ Patrol — Guard Service
☐ Repossessors
☐ Credit Reporting Houses

FIRM _____
PLEASE PRINT

PRINCIPAL _____
PLEASE PRINT

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZONE** _____ **STATE** _____

BY _____
SIGNED SIGNATURE

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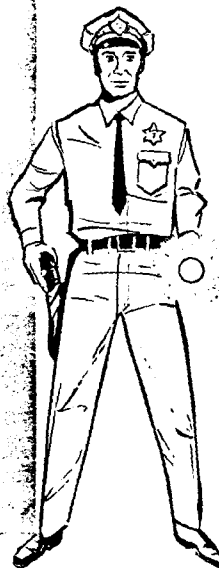
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11/9/61

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To: SAC, Los Angeles [REDACTED]

REC-95

From: Director, FBI [REDACTED]

EX-103

FALSE ADVERTISING OR MISUSE OF
NAMES TO INDICATE FEDERAL AGENCY
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 11/17/61

Reurairtel 11/6/61, with enclosure.

For your information, the Bureau has also received a copy of the brochure prepared by captioned informant from an anonymous source. This source noted the implied cooperation afforded by the Bureau in connection with the preparation of this almanac.

You should immediately have this informant contacted, at which time he should be vigorously informed that I am most displeased with the manner in which he has exploited his past contacts with this Bureau. By letter of 4/17/61, copy furnished your office, he was merely supplied a list of our field offices since this information is readily available to the general public. In his brochure he infers this is special cooperation which indicates an implied endorsement of his activities by the FBI.

Enclosed is a copy of Public Law 670 which should be made available to this individual and you should assure that he fully understands the purpose and provisions of this act. He must immediately cease disseminating any additional copies of this brochure which contain the claim of purported cooperation by the FBI. Advise results of your contact by 11/17/61.

Enclosure

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo captioned as above, 11/9/61.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Follow-up made for 11/17/61

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TELETYPE UNIT

SAC, Los Angeles [REDACTED]

11/28/61

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Director, FBI [REDACTED]

CONF. INFT.
[REDACTED]

Captioned informant should be discontinued as a symbol number criminal informant effective with the date of this letter.

The above instruction does not preclude you from using this individual as a source of information, nor does it prevent you from accepting any information which he may voluntarily furnish to your office.

As you were instructed by airtel 11/13/61, you may not, under any circumstances, pay this individual any money without first securing Bureau authority.

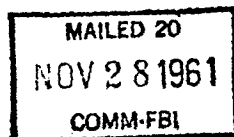
1 - [REDACTED] 6221 IB

1 - [REDACTED] 4704 Justice

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NOTE: This informant distributed 13,000 copies of a brochure advertising his 1962 International Directory for Private Investigators. This brochure gave implied endorsement by the Director. Bureau by letter dated 11/9/61, instructed LA to "straighten CI out" and to have him cease above advertising. Airtel 11/13/61, instructed that CI not be paid any money without prior Bureau authority. Since CI has attempted to capitalize on this Bureau's name and reputation, it is recommended that he no longer be listed as an approved CI.

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Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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Evans _____
Malone _____
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Sullivan _____
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Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
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Gandy _____



MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

REC-48

19 NOV 29 1961

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

b7C-

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/24/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (94-232) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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Research (Crime Records)
BUDED 11/27/61

ReBulet 11/17/61.

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[redacted] was personally contacted on 11/22/61
by SA [redacted] and was furnished the information as
directed in referenced letter.

He stated that he holds the Director and the FBI
in highest esteem, and it was for this reason that he wrote
the Director concerning FRED OTASH. He said that he felt that
the Director and/or the FBI would not endorse the plan outlined
by OTASH, and he therefore wanted to be sure of OTASH'S position
before he took any action regarding the offer made by OTASH.

b7C- [redacted] stated that he would write a letter to the
Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. State Department concern-
ing OTASH'S use of the name "United Nations Publications."

He was most appreciative of being contacted in this
regard, and stated that he was glad to know the FBI was not
actually cooperating with OTASH other than to furnish him a
list of the FBI's field divisions.

Recommended Crime Rec Section
3-Bureau [redacted] - b7C
1-Cincinnati (94-232)

b7C- [redacted]

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- b7C

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11/9/61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FRED OTASH
 CRIMINAL INFORMANT # [REDACTED]
 LOS ANGELES DIVISION
 FALSE ADVERTISING OR MISUSE OF
 NAMES TO INDICATE FEDERAL AGENCY

Tolson ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mohr ☒
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 DeLoach ☒
 Evans ☒
 Malone ☒
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 Sullivan ☒
 Tavel ☒
 Trotter ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Ingram ☒
 Gandy ☒

In an anonymous communication postmarked November 1, 1961, Beverly Hills, California, bearing a return address "Friars, NO Rodeo, Beverly Hills," the Bureau was furnished a copy of a six-page brochure announcing the "1962 International Directory and Almanac for Private Investigators, Adjustors, Repossessors, Collection Agencies, Credit Reporting Houses, Patrol Services." On page two of this brochure is a printed letter from Otash on the stationery of United Nations Publications, Inc., Hollywood, California. This letter which is signed by Otash is a proposition to individuals receiving the brochure offering them a free listing in the almanac, and in addition, a reduced rate in the purchase of this almanac. A postscript to this letter is as follows: "P.S. We want to acknowledge the fine cooperation we have received from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. State Dept., the attorney generals (sic) of the 50 states... and many contributing individuals without whose help this book could not have been published." Printed in ink in the area around this letter, is the following note with regard to Otash: "Vagued out of Las Vegas. Barred from race tracks on 5 yrs probation, LA CO. He'd be a big name in Biblical sodom." Where the Director's name is mentioned in the postscript there is a notation "Can this be true? Sir: Is the above your personal endorsement?"

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Otash has been a criminal informant of the Los Angeles Division since 11/5/59. He is a former member of the Los Angeles Police Department Vice Squad who resigned at his superior's suggestion in view of several minor infractions of the law. One of his partners in 1956 was a former body guard of the notorious hoodlum Mickey Cohen. He has previously been connected with inquiries by "Confidential Magazine." In September, 1959, he was indicted on a charge of "corrupt sporting practices and criminal conspiracy." This concerned doping of a race horse. (A copy of Otash's identification record, FBI # 85570-C, is attached.) He was found guilty concerning the

Enclosures, b7C-

1 - Mr. DeLoach (Enc.)

1 - Mr. Evans (Enc.)

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b7C CRIME RESEARCH